

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 A mechanism is described for allowing third party client applications to affect how
3 high-level document commands are implemented in a database. After a high-level
4 document command meeting certain criteria is received in a database management system,
5 the system identifies one or more third party client application that are to be notified when
6 such high-level document commands are received. The client applications are then
7 notified allowing the client application to return implementation instructions which are
8 used by the database management system in determining how to implement the high-level
9 document command. The instruction may be to prevent implementation altogether, to
10 somehow change the implementation, or even to perform high-level document commands
11 in addition to the original high-level document command.

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